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SUBJECT: Cancellation of the 2001 DoD Maintenance Symposium

The 2001 DoD Maintenance Symposium originally scheduled for October 30 through November 1, 2001 at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center in Kansas City, MO has been cancelled. The senior maintenance executives of the Military Services recommended that we cancel the symposium, and upon careful reflection, I agree. The cancellation is both appropriate and necessary to ensure that the focus of the maintenance community - the foundation of our readiness and sustainment - is directly on the tasks at hand. During the coming weeks maintainers throughout the Services and industry - from the most senior managers to troops on flight lines and ships, in motor pools, and in all the units that provide support to our weapon systems - will necessarily be engaged in the business of the Nation's defense. It is this same community that would normally participate in the symposium. I believe it is in the best interests of the nation that their attention be 100 percent on the job at hand.

I greatly appreciate the substantial effort that has gone into the planning and preparing for this year's Maintenance Symposium. The commitment of those involved, as always, is impressive. I would like to recognize and thank the National Defense Industrial Association for their excellent support as our co-producer of this event. Their involvement has been a key element of past symposiums and again for this year's event. There was no question but that this would have been the finest symposium yet.

It is with regret that I make this decision, but in view of the circumstances, I believe it is the prudent and appropriate course of action. I can assure you that we remain committed to providing this important forum for the DoD maintenance community - a community some 700,000 strong - and that next year's event in Reno, Nevada will be exceptional.

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